

# Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

July 2011

## Carve a community gathering place in Factoria's 'last green space'

*Volunteers needed: to help create a community gathering place  
for Everyone who lives, works in or visits the Factoria neighborhood.*

A small band of community volunteers is working hard to develop a community gathering place in the orchard of Factoria's Holy Cross Lutheran Church. They're drawing on the generosity of the congregation and the expertise of skilled staff from Issaquah's Pomegranate Center to create an outdoor amphitheatre and other amenities that will be available for general neighborhood use.



An all-day "Carv-a-thon" on July 16 will raise money to help buy materials for the new gathering place – and more volunteers are needed to "carve" out a role. People can help with carving, sanding and staining – or they can order a custom wood carving for their home or office. Or they can just come over to the Carv-a-thon at 4315 129th

Place SE any time between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. to lend their support – moral, financial or both! For more information contact Bree at (425) 557-6412.

*"... How rare to be given something this precious in this day and age. We have to take it and treasure it." Milenko Matanovic, Pomegranate Director*

## Hear music, play games, eat hot dogs & meet friends – July 23

What is there to do on a lazy summer Saturday afternoon?

How about: listening and dancing to live music by Po'okela Street Band ... watching the kids enjoy free, supervised games ... turning back the price clock with a \$1 lunch of hot dog, chips and drink ... relaxing with friends and neighbors ... maybe winning a door prize from the Mariners or Chipotle Mexican Grill?

Sound good? It's all part of the third annual Neighbor Link Picnic, presented by the City's Neighborhood Outreach Team and the Parks & Community Services Department from noon to 2 p.m. on July 23.

**PO'OKELA  
STREET BAND**

"FUSING REGGAE TO A WORLD BEAT MIX"



The event will also offer participants three ways to benefit the community:

1. **A volunteer fair**, with information about the ways residents can contribute to the health and vitality of the community;
2. **A benefit for Bellevue human services agencies**, with all proceeds from the \$1 lunch going to agencies – thanks to the generous sponsorship of Bellevue Crossroads Shopping Center, Stone Gardens, and Tim's Cascade Chips;
3. **A diaper drive**, with participants invited to bring diaper donations for Eastside Baby Corner.

For more information on the picnic, contact Neighborhood Outreach at 425-452-6836 or e-mail [Neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov)



## **Ride on July 26 – and help plan a bike-friendly corridor**

You're invited to join cyclists from the City of Bellevue and the Mountains to Sound Greenway for a July 26 bicycle ride, held in support of the City's [Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Project](#).

The ride, beginning at 5:30 p.m., is an opportunity to help plan for the future of the Eastgate Corridor. On the nine-mile loop ride from Enatai to the Sunset Trailhead and back, you'll learn more about Mountains to Sound trail options that are being explored, and provide your input to transportation planners on how to make this important corridor more bike-friendly. The ride will conclude at Enatai Beach Park around 6:45 p.m.



The City and the Cascade Bicycle Club are sponsors of this event which is described at [http://www.cascade.org/EandR/Activities\\_Calendar\\_RDetail.cfm?eventID=15991](http://www.cascade.org/EandR/Activities_Calendar_RDetail.cfm?eventID=15991). If you're interested in joining, please sign up at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/eastgateI-90corridorbikeride>.

## **Neighborhoods can still earn Whole Foods cakes for celebrations**

If your neighborhood conducts a summertime public service or community building event, you could earn the chance to celebrate with a delicious cake donated by Whole Foods Bellevue Market. If you have a firm date for your community event, contact Neighborhood Outreach to reserve your Whole Foods cake. Decadent chocolate or delicious vanilla sheet cakes to serve 100 are available while supplies last. Events must be held between June 1 and Sept. 30. Reserve yours by calling Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-6836 or [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).

## **Major sewer project closes SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

Puget Sound Energy is finishing up utility relocation and King County is gearing up this month to replace the 45-year-old sewer trunk lines along SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE. Neighborhood impacts include:

- The closure of SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street for 9-10 months;
- Construction noise and activity between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on some Saturdays;
- Construction equipment in the right-of-way, with flaggers to control traffic;
- One-way traffic and intermittent road closures on 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE;
- Limited driveway access between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. during trench work.

King County is committed to working with residents to address problems caused by the construction. The Construction Hotline, 206-296-4081, is available 24 hours for urgent situations. For general questions, contact Shanon Kearney, 206-269-0229 x 112, or Heidi Sowell, 206-684-1207.

## **Learn about the new Eastside Timebank**

A new concept is taking hold on the Eastside. Timebanking enables you contribute an hour of your own labor – doing something within your range of skills – and get an hour of service in return. To learn more about the new Eastside Timebank, see [info@eastsidetimebank.org](mailto:info@eastsidetimebank.org) or attend the 6:30 potluck and 7:30 orientation on July 14 at the North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE.

## **Race affects parkway**

The 2011 TriRock Seattle triathlon will encircle Lake Sammamish with activity on Sunday, July 16. Swimming and running events will only affect traffic on the south end of the lake, but the bicycle race will require a three-hour closure of the northbound lanes of West Lake Sammamish Parkway – from 7 to 10 a.m. The triathlon includes a 24-mile bike race, a six-mile run and a 1,500-meter swim.

## New tool offers comprehensive guide to senior housing

A valuable new tool is now available to inform senior citizens, families and caregivers of housing choices for seniors in East King County. *Senior Housing Options* is designed to guide users through issues related to aging in place or transitioning from their current home to a new home.

*Senior Housing Options* was developed by ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) in collaboration with local senior commissions and a student team from the Continuing Education Project Management Program at the University of Washington. By using the tool, seniors can evaluate their values and needs, discover a wide range of both market rate and affordable housing options, and find their way through a maze of information about housing issues and choices.

The best way to access this tool is through the ARCH website [www.archhousing.org/current-residents/senior-housing.html](http://www.archhousing.org/current-residents/senior-housing.html). According to Lynne Robinson of Bellevue's Network on Aging, "This is the only comprehensive, non-commercial website to provide Eastside housing options for older adults." Printed copies of the guide also are available at local senior centers in East King County.

## Zoo shuttle offers trips that are fun – and free

Getting to the zoo is a cinch for Eastside residents this summer with free shuttle service to and from Woodland Park Zoo. Riders can hop on the shuttle at the South Kirkland Park and Ride, 10610 NE 38th Pl., just north of SR 520. Coaches run every half hour from 9:15 a.m. until 6:15 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 4. Shuttles include seat belts, and space for strollers or luggage and up to eight car seats.

The new shuttle offers Eastside residents a fun, hassle-free trip that saves on the cost of gas, tolls and parking. For more information about the Eastside Shuttle, visit [www.zoo.org/shuttle](http://www.zoo.org/shuttle).

## Stand by for second weekend bridge closure July 8-11

Last month, crews tackled a big list of SR520 construction projects between Medina and Bellevue, demolishing a pedestrian bridge, installing a massive concrete culvert and building a new eastbound off-ramp to Bellevue Way. Photos of the State Department of Transportation work are posted [online](#). The next weekend closure is scheduled for July 8-11, when crews plan more culvert work and maintenance crews conduct their annual inspections and repairs on the floating bridge. Details about the major [weekend closures](#) are posted on the WSDOT web site.

## July meetings

*(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the city web pages listed below to download agendas.)*

**6/30 Environmental Services Commission** Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Tour – Meet at Bellevue City Hall – ServiceFirst at 5:30 p.m... Transportation will be provided for the Commission and staff only. Maps will be available to the public at the ServiceFirst desk. This meeting will take the place of the July 7 meeting.

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**7/5 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Executive Session 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment threshold review, Update on I-90/Eastgate Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Parks Board appointment, Consent Calendar, Limited public comment period and consideration of taking an official position on King County Proposition 1 – Veterans and Human Services Levy, Ordinance to consider extending building permits [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**7/5 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Hearing on Land Use Code Amendment prohibiting all but emergency helicopter landing facilities citywide

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)

**7/5 Bellevue Arts Commission** (4:00, 1E-109) Budget discussion, demographics presentation, Cultural Compass update and other Commission business [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm)

**Don't get burned!** Remember, all private fireworks are illegal in Bellevue. Instead of planning a private display, enjoy the fireworks at Bellevue's Family Fourth in the Downtown Park.

**7/5 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Meeting cancelled.

**7/7 Bellevue Network on Aging** (8:30-10:30 a.m., 1E-112) King County Area Plan on Aging overview, committee reports [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm)

**7/7 Eastside Learning Community – Public Meeting** (6:00, 1E-110) Discussion of Conditional Use Application to establish a middle school for grades 6-8 at 12443 NE Bel Red Road

**7/11 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Executive Session, East Link, Funding for the Downtown Action to Save Housing (DASH) Evergreen Court Apartments  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**7/12 Parks & Community Services Board** (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be announced  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm)

**7/13 Planning Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Public hearing on Land Used Code Amendment prohibiting all but emergency helicopter landing facilities citywide  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**7/14 Transportation Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Easy Rider update, King County Metro update on financial issues, Transportation retreat planning [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm)

**7/15 Transportation Choices Coalition Forum** (Noon, HDR Engineering, 500 108th Ave. NE, 12th Floor) Discussion of financing vs. service cuts for Metro transit system (See related article)

**7/18 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Executive Session, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) consistency Land Use Code Amendments, East Link (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**7/19 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Public hearing on Preliminary 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Recommendations; finalize 2012 CDBG Funding recommendations  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**7/26 Planning Commission** (6:30, Council Chambers)  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**7/25 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) East Link, Regional Issues  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

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Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, call 452-6836.